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THOMAS: "Heated controversy over the Central Intelligence Agency boiled anew today in the U.S. Senate as a result of a letter to the editor of a St. Louis newspaper written by Richard Helms, new Director of the CIA, a letter in regard to a recent editorial in the same paper headlined 'Brickbats for Fulbright' an editorial critical of the Senator from Arkansas for attempting to gain a role in their supervision of the CIA.

"Helms, expressing his pleasure in reading that editorial, praising the paper for supporting what it believes to be right, and opposing what it believes to be wrong.

CPYRGHT "Well, Senator McCarthy of Minnesota was the first to call attention to this letter -- says it was entirely out of order, asserting that Helms owes an apology to every member of the Senate, and fellow Senators quickly joined in that expression of shock and surprise. Whereupon, Helms of the CIA later agreed to meet in closed session with Fulbright's Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning."